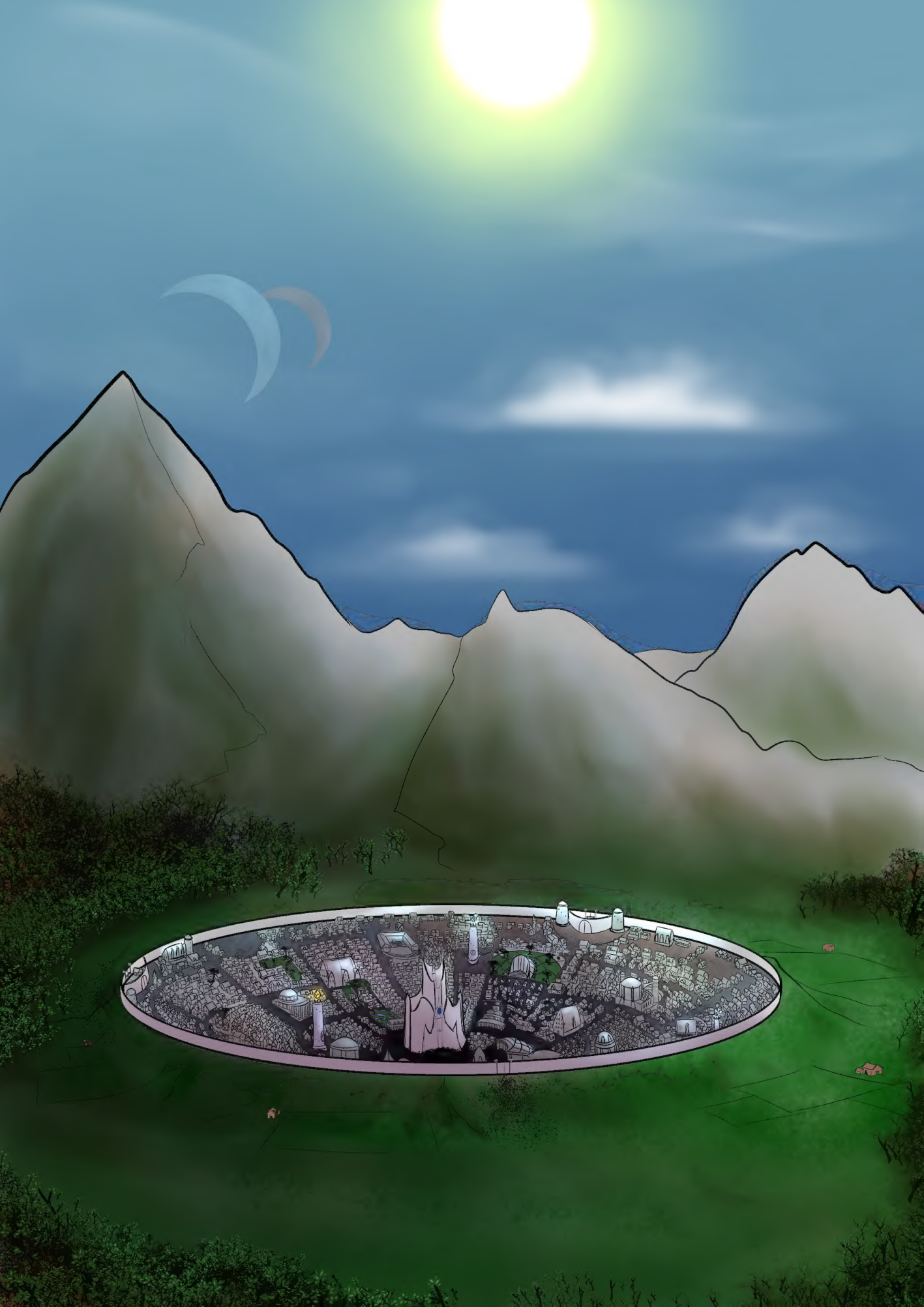
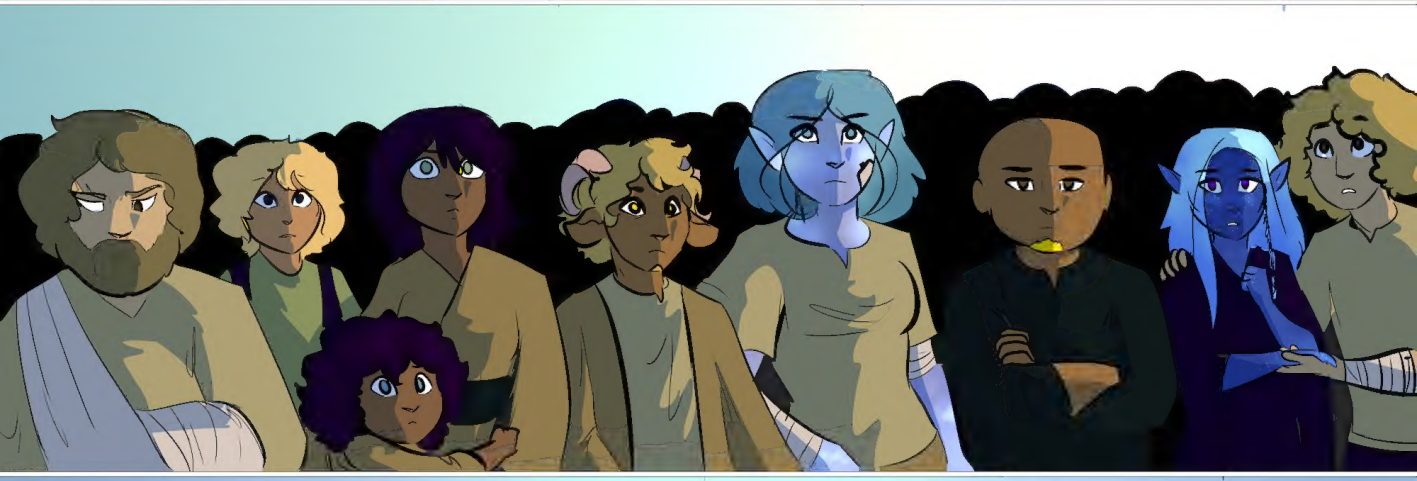
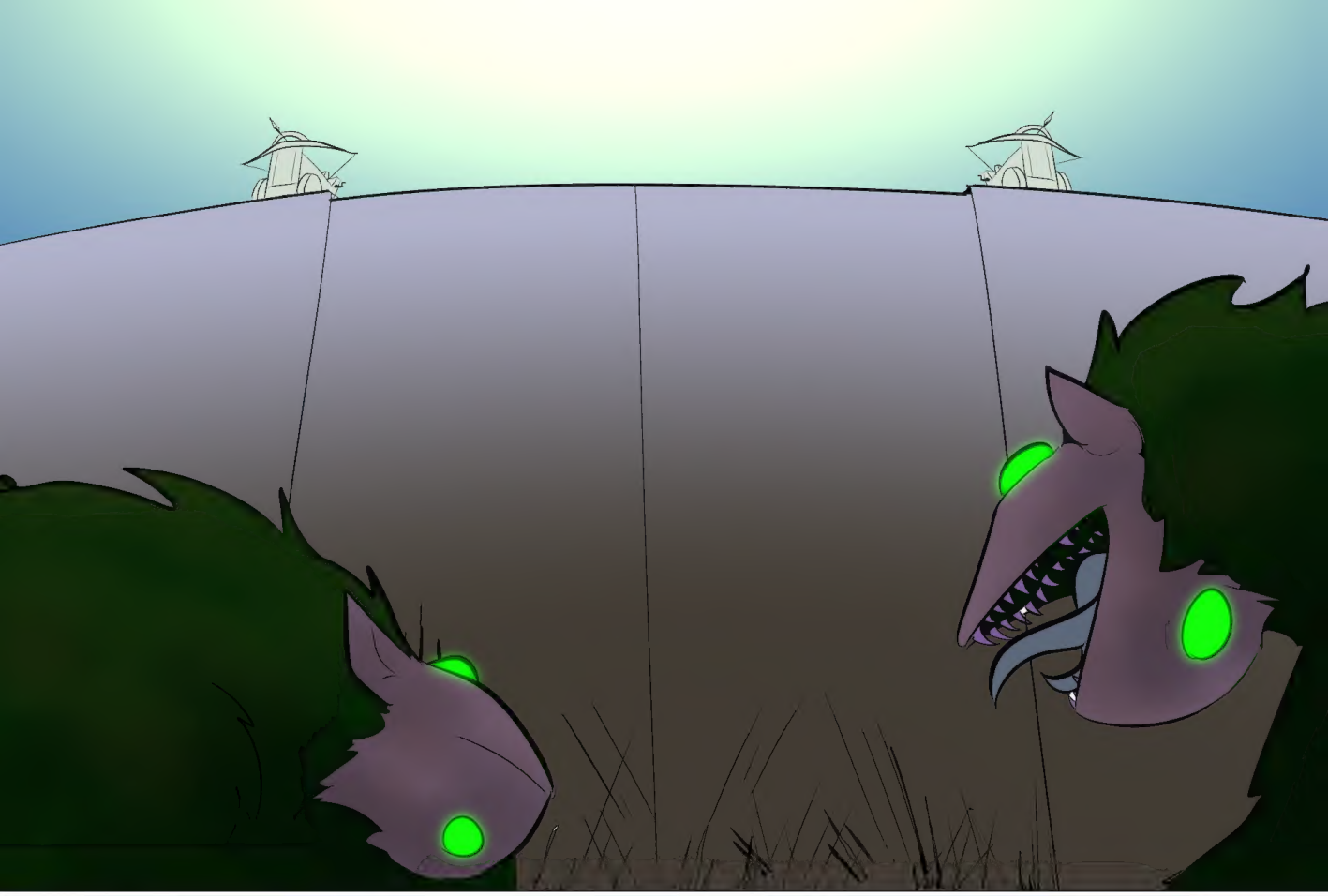
Chapter 1

Vash





So it's gotten pretty serious, then?
We're sorry, Lord Vash, but the beasts have barred us from our farms, and our messages to Skieron have gone unanswered.
They'll starve us out within days unless we-
Beran, stop.
You had me at "beasts".
So, where should I start?



GRAUK?

SHUNK
RAWK
WHIZZT
RUNCH

CLAP
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Oh, don't let me interrupt.
You looked like you were having fun.
...so I take it these chimera belong to you?
Yes, but don't worry -
I don't hold a grudge. I can always make more.

...Right.
I don't suppose you have a REALLY GOOD REASON for why you've been starving and terrorizing my people for the last month?
Oh, I'm glad you asked!
But it's probably easier if I just show you.
RRRR
MG

So, the reason.
Simply put -
STOP!

oop.
Simply put, Vash, I starved your city to draw you out.
Judging by the stories, I doubted you'd deny yourself the promise of a heroic battle.
But despite your incarnation, too much of your essence is still bound up in your city and its people.
It's unfortunate, but I have no other way to separate you.
But it's all right. This was never about them.
I've taken apart hundreds of mortal souls. They have nothing left to teach me.
But I've never acquired the soul of a god.

RUNCH
No!
THOK

Good effort.
But I'm afraid you're out of your depth.
SHA-DOOM
Ah.

Well!
I believe we may be just about done here.
Please.
We've been over this, remember?

You're distraught. I understand.
I imagine this must be very uncomfortable for you.
Actually, would you mind describing the sensation for me? This is a unique opportunity, and it could be very enlightening.
I'm guessing a... spreading numbness? Maybe pins and needles?
I CAN FEEL THEM SCREAMING!

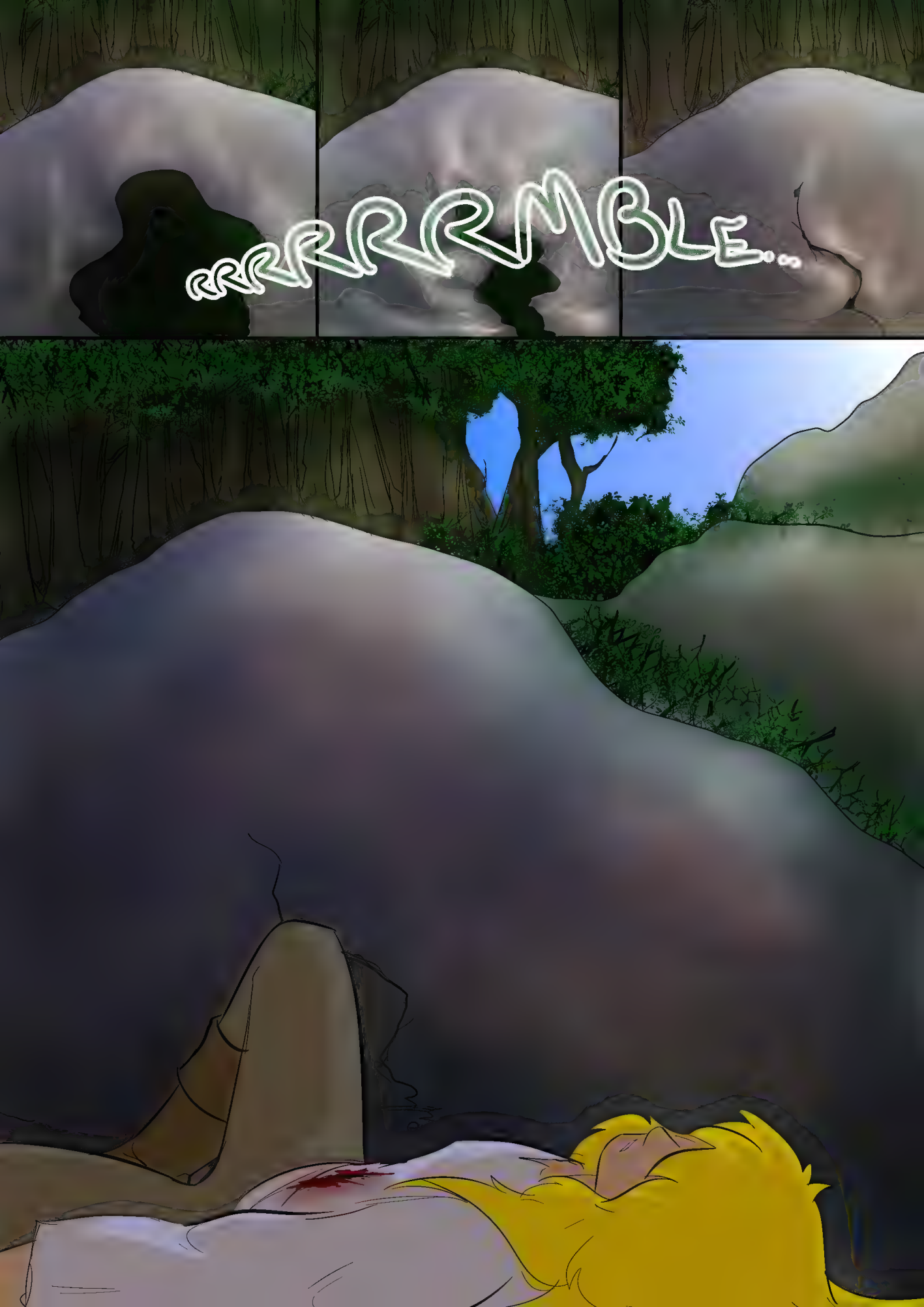
Ha! Poetic. I'm impressed.
We'll have to discuss this in more detail.

Wh-?

WHUD
Ah! It worked!
That's a relief.
It would've been a shame if that had all been for nothing.

Oh, where are my manners?
You were upset by the screaming.
It would be unkind of me to keep you here longer than necessary.

Let's go somewhere a little quieter.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...Vash?

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